



Early Journal Content on JSTOR, Free to Anyone in the World

This article is one of nearly 500,000 scholarly works digitized and made freely available to everyone in the world by JSTOR.

Known as the Early Journal Content, this set of works include research articles, news, letters, and other writings published in more than 200 of the oldest leading academic journals. The works date from the mid-seventeenth to the early twentieth centuries.

We encourage people to read and share the Early Journal Content openly and to tell others that this resource exists. People may post this content online or redistribute in any way for non-commercial purposes.

Read more about Early Journal Content at <http://about.jstor.org/participate-jstor/individuals/early-journal-content>.

JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books, and primary source objects. JSTOR helps people discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content through a powerful research and teaching platform, and preserves this content for future generations. JSTOR is part of ITHAKA, a not-for-profit organization that also includes Ithaka S+R and Portico. For more information about JSTOR, please contact support@jstor.org.

to mooted questions in Biblical geography; e. g., Balaam's birthplace (p. 268), the situation of Ramoth Gilead (p. 290), the situation of Mahanaim (p. 233). These opinions are stated in an exceedingly clear manner, and, so it seems to us, are well founded. The worth of the book is self-evident. It is accurate, definite, independent, and not burdened with scientific details, for which the ordinary reader does not care. These scientific details are to be published later under the title of "Topographical Notes on Eastern Palestine." The thanks of Christian readers and scholars are due both editor and publisher for this valuable aid to Bible study.

THE PLAN OF CREATION. †

A few have written of Genesis and Science who were acknowledged scientists and good Hebraists. Not a few, however, assume to speak upon this subject who do not know enough of science to give their statements authority and whose acquaintance with Hebrew is worth almost nothing. The author of *The Plan of Creation*, belongs, we fear, to the latter class.

The first twenty chapters are scientific in form, and give evidence of extended reading and some ability on the part of the writer. In favor of this portion of the book, it may be said that it is reverent in spirit—a quality altogether lacking in much that is given forth by sciolists.

Our duty lies rather with chapters XXI and XXII which contain an analysis and translation of the Hebrew text of Gen. I and II. 1, 4. Here we learn a number of things for which we should be truly thankful if we did not seriously question their correctness: for example (pp. 190, 195, 204, 209) that **אֵת** means *the thing itself in its entirety, totality, sum and substance, both-also, all, each, atoms of matter*; (pp. 191, 199, 201, 214, 217) that **תְּהוֹם** in **מְמַשְׁלָה**, the **מ** preformative in **מְמַשְׁלָה** and **מְמַשְׁלָה**, and **בְּרִית** in **בְּרִית** all mean *the*; (p. 191) that **רוּחַ** means *force, attraction of gravitation*; (p. 203) that **מְוֵעֲרִים** means *perpetuity of time*; (p. 191) **פְּנֵה** means *condition, state, mass*; (p. 223) that **עֲשֵׂה** embodies the idea to create and afterwards form the material into something. In his rendering into English, the author makes the ordinary use of the parenthesis (p. 189). Judged by this, he has failed to recognize the pronominal suffixes in **לְמִנְהֶם**, **לְמִנְהֶם**, **בְּעֶלְמֵנוּ**, **בְּעֶלְמֵנוּ** (pp. 200, 210, 214, 216); also the article indicated in the pointing of **לְרִקִּיעַ** and **לְאֹר** (pp. 193, 196). His analysis of the Vav converse looks strange to us: **וַיִּבְרָא** and **וַיִּרָא** created; **וַיִּרָא** and **וַיִּבְרָא** saw. We submit his translation of Gen. I. 1: "In the beginning God created the atoms of matter, now forming the heavens and the earth; agitation and matter existed contemporaneous with matter." Given a theory, a knowledge of the Hebrew alphabet, a lexicon, and a fertile imagination, and such work as the above appears to us a possible result.

THE UNION HEBREW READER. ††

The lessons in this book are evidently so compiled and follow each other in such order as to lead to the needed familiarity with the Hebrew page. It is clearly well fitted to answer the purpose of its authors.

† *The Plan of Creation*. By R. M. WIDNEY, Los Angeles, Cal. 7¼x5 pp. viii, 280. Published by the Author. Price, \$1.50.
 The Bible: A Scientific Revelation. By REV. CHARLES C. ADAMS, S. T. D. 6¼x4¼, pp., 176, vii. New York: James Pott. Price \$1.00.

†† *The Union Hebrew Reader*: designed for Sunday Schools, and for the use of Students. By JOSEPH KRAUSKOPF, B. H. and HENRY BERKOWITZ, B. H. 9¼x6¼, boards, pp. 30. Cincinnati: Bloch and Co. Price, 25 cents.

KEY-WORDS. †††

We have here a complete Englishman's Hebrew and Greek concordance to certain words which are of importance in the discussions of Biblical Theology. The references appear to have been carefully verified. The book would doubtless be of value to those who are without the larger concordances and yet desire to know the Biblical use of such tenses as *righteousness, grave, soul, spirit, &c.*

THE BIBLE: A SCIENTIFIC REVELATION. ¶

This neat little book is a good statement of the ultra-conservative view of the relation of the Bible and science. Its style is concise, but has a vivacity that leads to further perusal. To thoughtful, devout readers it will be of interest. We found it interesting, though inclined to write *non sequitur* over against some of the author's arguments.

RECENT PAPERS

RELATING TO

THE OLD TESTAMENT.

The Elohist Document in the Pentateuch. *The Independent*, June 8.

The Old Testament in the Jewish Church. PROF. B. C. TAYLOR. *The National Baptist*, June 15, 29, July 6.

The Key to Ecclesiastes. PROF. T. W. COIT, D. D. *Sunday-School Times*, June 17.

Job Identified. *American Christian Review*, June 22.

Fact and Conjecture. *New York Observer*, June 29.

Date of the Siloam Inscription. *The Independent*.

Late Fields in the Chaldean Explorations. *The Independent*, June 22.

סְכוּת (Amos v. 26). *The Independent*, June 22.

שְׁלֵמִיאל (Num. I. 6). DR. BAER. *The Hebrew*, June 30.

God in the Burning Bush. DR. K. KOHLER. *Der Zeitgeist*, July 6.

The Use of the Tephilin. (Deut. vi. 8). DR. MENDES DE SOLA. *The Sabbath Visitor*, June 16.

The Talmud. DR. EMANUEL SCHREIBER, *The American Israelite*, June 9, July 7.

The Oral Law. DR. ISAAC SCHWAB. *The American Israelite*, July 7.

The Mosaic Signal Words, (Num. x. 33-36). DR. FRANZ DELITZSCH. *Zeitschrift fuer kirchliche Wissenschaft und kirchliches Leben*, No. 5.

Woman, according to the Bible and the Talmud. DR. A. J. MESSING. *The Hebrew*, June 16.

Biblical and Rabbinical Law respecting Marriage of Uncle and Niece. DR. B. FELSETHAL. *Chicago Legal News*, June 17.

Divorce in the East. PROF. ISAAC H. HALL. *The Sunday School Times*, June 17.

The Modern Teacher of Judaism. BERNHARD DRACHMAN. *The Jewish Messenger*, June 9.

Hebrew Prophets and Anti-Hebrew Czars. DR. JACOB MEYERS. *The Jewish Record*, June 23.

††† Key-Words; or the Englishman's Hebrew and Greek Concordance to certain words which throw important light on great doctrines. WILEY JONES, Norfolk, Va. 4¼x3¼, limp, pp. vi, 174. Published by the author. Price 50 cents.

¶ *The Bible: A Scientific Revelation*. By REV. CHARLES C. ADAMS, S. T. D. 6¼x4¼, pp., 176, vii. New York: James Pott. Price \$1.00.